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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/606,790	Applicant(s) NGUYEN ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 February 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 9-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 9-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

This Office Action is in response to Applicants' Notice of Appeal filed on February 28, 2007 in which prosecution has been re-opened. Claims 1-6 and 9-20 are presented for further examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-6 and 9-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ravi et al (hereinafter, "Ravi", U.S. Pat. No. 6,292,834).

As per claim 1, Ravi discloses a server for transmitting data over a network to client having a de-jitter buffer, the server comprising:

- a regular path for transmitting data received from a source at a regular rate (col. 6, lines 32-47); and
- a first buffer in the regular path for buffering data from the source prior to transmission to the client (col. 7, lines 35-55);

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- a burst path for transmitting data received from the source at a burst rate higher than the regular rate before playout at the client distinct from the regular path at least in part (col. 7, lines 35-55);
- a second buffer in the burst path for buffering data from the source prior to transmission to the client, and for transmitting the buffered data to the client at the burst rate before playout at the client (col. 7, lines 35-55 and col. 8, lines 25-39); and
- a switch for selecting to transmit data from one of the regular path and the initial burst path (col. 9, lines 50-63).

As per claim 2, Ravi discloses:

- a control unit for switching the switch (col. 9, lines 50-63).

As per claim 3, Ravi discloses:

- a monitor that measures an amount of the data is output through the burst path (col. 7, lines 16-34));
- wherein the control unit switches the switch when a preset measure of the data is output through the burst path (col. 9, lines 50-63).

As per claim 4, Ravi further discloses:

- a network bandwidth monitor (col. 9, lines 17-25 and lines 50-63);
- a controller that controls a fill level of second buffer according to the monitored bandwidth (col. 9, lines 17-25 and lines 50-63).

As per claim 5, Ravi further discloses:

- a transcoder for transcoding the buffered streaming media output through the burst path (col. 6, lines 31-46).

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As per claim 6, Ravi further discloses:

- a network bandwidth monitor (col. 9, lines 17-25 and lines 50-63); and
- transcoder for transcoding the buffered streaming media output through the burst path if the monitored bandwidth becomes less than a preset bandwidth (col. 6, lines 31-46 and col. 9, lines 50-63).

As per claims 9 and 15, Ravi discloses a method for a server for retransmitting streaming media to a network comprising:

- means for receiving a first portion of the streaming media from a source along a first path (col. 6, lines 32-47);
- means for buffering the first portion prior to transmission to a client and outputting the buffered first portion to the client through the first path at a first rate before the playout at the client (col. 7, lines 35-55 and col. 8, lines 25-39);
- means for receiving a second portion of the streaming media from the source along a second path distinct from the first path at least in part (col. 6, lines 32-47); and
- means for transmitting the second portion to the client on the network through the second path at a second rate lower than the first rate (col. 6, lines 31-58).

As per claims 10 and 16, Ravi discloses:

- means for switching to outputting from the second path, from outputting from the first path (col. 9, lines 50-63).

As per claims 11, Ravi further discloses:

- means for storing the first portion (col. 6, lines 32-47).

As per claim 17, Ravi further discloses:

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- storing the first portion in an initial burst transmit buffer (col. 6, lines 32-47).

As per claims **12** and **18**, Ravi further discloses:

- means for monitoring a bandwidth of the network (col. 9, lines 17-25 and lines 50-63);
and
- means for controlling a size of the first portion according monitored bandwidth (col. 9, lines 17-25 and lines 50-63).

As per claims **13** and **19**, Ravi further discloses:

- means for transcoding the first portion (col. 6, lines 31-46 and col. 9, lines 50-63).

As per claims **14** and **20**, Ravi further discloses:

- means for monitoring a bandwidth of the network (col. 9, lines 17-25 and lines 50-63);
and
- means for transcoding the first portion if the monitored bandwidth becomes less than a preset bandwidth (col. 6, lines 31-46 and col. 9, lines 50-63).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims **1-6** and **9-20** have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LaShonda T. Jacobs whose telephone number is 571-272-4004.

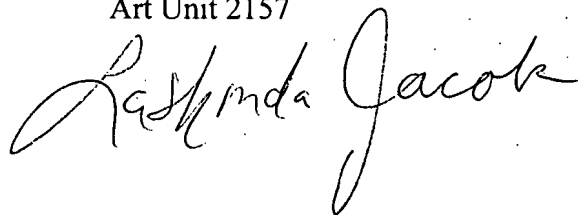
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on 571-272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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LaShonda T Jacobs
Examiner
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